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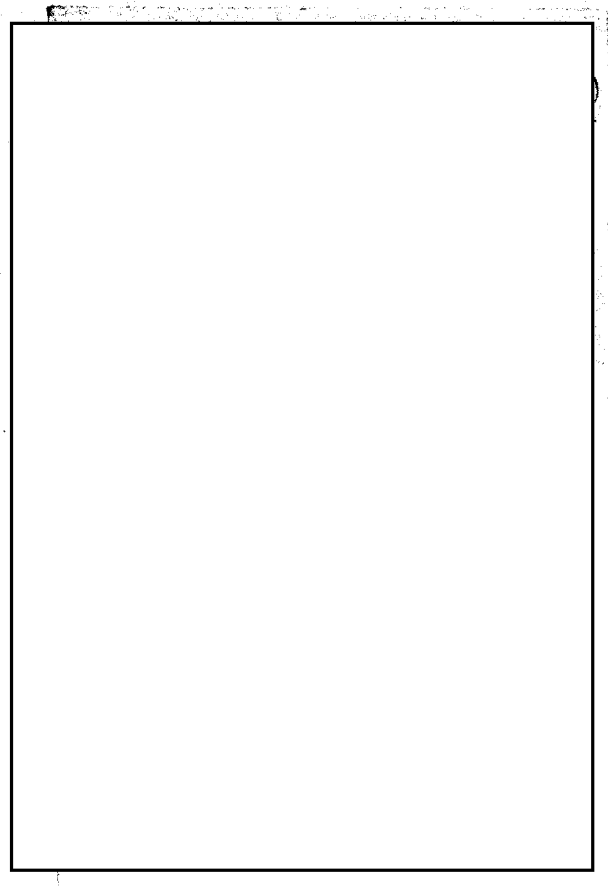

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March 8, 1973

Mr. Angus M. Thuermer
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Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Thuermer:

In the process of backtracking on the exchange of Francis Gary Powers, the U-2 pilot, for the Russian Spy, Rudolph Ivanovitch Abel on Feb. 10, 1962, it came to my attention that the primary source for material on the spadework leading up to the event is the Central Intelligence Agency.

More recently, White House sources have suggested that the documents bearing on the case are readily available and easily locatable by General Counsel for the agency.

This is a request for declassification of the material which I understand has already been reviewed by that office.

A reply at your earliest convenience is respectfully requested, together with some idea of the costs involved.

Sincrely,

Felix Belair, Jr.

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Mr. Felix Belair, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Belair:

Further in response to your letter of 8 March 1973 for the declassification of certain background material on the Powers-Abel exchange, our General Counsel has reviewed certain documents in this area at the request of the Department of Justice. I enclose copies of the two CIA documents reviewed, both of which have been declassified. There is no charge for these documents.

It may be that there are other CIA documents involved which may be declassified. We are researching our files and will respond further when that search is completed.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Angus MacLean Thuermer

Angus MacLean Thuermer
Assistant to the Director

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